

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
May 27, 2008

The Honorable Commission convened at the Huntsville with the following present: Susan Carter, Presiding Commissioner, Doug Galaske, Eastern District Commissioner, Randy Asbury, Western District Commissioner, and Deputy Clerk, Nancy Copenhaver.

9:00 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Charlie Self, plumber, came in. Com. Asbury explained the need for a plumber as a part-time employee of the County, to deal with issues at the Moberly Courthouse and help Rick Howard, Maintenance, with training for follow-up maintenance. Commissioners and Mr. Self discussed pay issues and criteria for proceeding. Com. Asbury will mail County employment forms to Mr. Self.

Greg Smith came in with problems on CR 1230. Commissioners will check into the situation.

Com. Carter reported a call from Realtor Dale Moore regarding mineral rights on some property. Com. Carter called Chariton Valley about problems with the phone in the Commission office.

9:55 a.m., Jim Rolls, Manager at Associated Electric, came in to turn over a reclaimed road to the County, including documents to record the transfer of CR 1145 and a map for Commissioners to sign as per earlier agreements.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty came in to discuss bids on equipment. He noted that the ditcher agreed on earlier wouldn't work with current equipment. Com. Asbury asked Mr. Dougherty to bring in specifications for the truck and pick-up. Dick Hess came in bringing a petition signed to vacate CR 1380. The fuel bid was awarded to MFA for \$4.064 (Brownfield bid \$4.093) for the week of May 28-June 4.

10:20 a.m., Michael Purol with Great Rivers Engineering arrived with Bill Dougherty to discuss road improvements. Participants discussed the importance of ditching for drainage, safety hazards, speed limits, road and shoulder width, crowns, dealing with hard surface roads, and the best places to spend the minimal amount of maintenance funds available. Mr. Purol pointed out that the cost of ditching is dependent on a number of items such as location of the road, property owners' cooperation, and experience of the contractor. Com. Asbury asked how the County could improve the efficiency in maintenance of roads and Mr. Purol noted that the key is to get rid of water whenever you can. He cited several suggestions: remove windrows which keep water on roads, 35 mph speed limit which throws less rock off, use larger size rock, update policies to identify roads getting regular maintenance, call other counties and let them know about reduced speed limits, use press releases to make citizens aware of difficulties in budgeting for maintenance. Commissioners project a minimum of \$60,000 overage in the fuel budget for this year if current trends hold.

11:50 a.m., Assessor Richard Tregnago came in with a question about mineral rights; Com. Galaske told him the price was \$2 an acre plus back taxes. Com. Carter returned a call to Realtor Dale Moore about the same issue.

12:10 p.m., Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of May 22 with changes; motion carried (3-0). Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the closed session minutes of May 22 with changes; motion carried (3-0).

12:15 p.m., Commissioners recessed for lunch.

1:00 p.m., several persons from the City of Moberly arrived regarding the issue of a proposed road vacation of CR 1380. Present were City Manager Andy Morris, Mayor Don Burton, Councilman Dick Boots, Water Plant Superintendent Matt Everts, and Director of Utilities Keith Phipps. Mr. Morris reported that the City had received a \$300,000 grant for improvements in the Sugar Creek areas and needs access to the north end of the City property. The City proposes to do some logging in the area, clean up of old wood to encourage undergrowth and control the watershed runoff, and possible use of the area for primitive campgrounds in the future.

However, an adjacent property owner is in the process of attempting to get an access road to this area changed from a County road to a private road, through the process established in County Road and Bridge guidelines. Commissioners explained the policy for vacating a road and the remonstrance process for those opposed. The City will pursue action through the remonstrance process. Commissioners noted that a public hearing on the issue will be held on July 8.

2:40 p.m., the meeting adjourned to a work session.

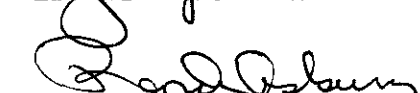
APPROVED



Presiding Commissioner



Eastern District Commissioner



Western District Commissioner



County Clerk